

| The following log provides oral comments on the draft plan received during the public comment period. A full transcript of the public hearing and copies of the written comments received accompany this document. | | | | | | |
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| Oral Comments from Mayor's Public Hearing - October 28, 2008 | | | | | | |
| 1 | Ms. Nancy Lee Head | D.C. Mental Health Consumer Leadership Forum. | Since this land has been committed to treating folks with mental illness for over 150 years, it is important for this new framework, in addition to providing a new state-of-the-art hospital, to include a percentage of affordable permanent supportive housing for people with psychiatric disabilities, a process to be coordinated with the Department of Mental Health and other appropriate District agencies. This is in line with Mayor Fenty's plan to house at-risk and homeless people. | Housing | Development Principles | The Office of Planning agrees that the Saint Elizabeths East Redevelopment Framework Plan should reflect the goals of the District as it relates to affordable housing and social services. As such, the Framework Plan includes a set of development principles that respond to both District priorities and community concerns. These principles include the recurring themes of opening up the campus, creating connections, preserving the historic character, attracting private development, celebrating community heritage and treating existing residents fairly and equitably. Reinvigorating the Campus as an important neighborhood center is one development principle. Specifically, this principle calls for the creation of new, diverse, mixed-use neighborhoods that provide for a mix of incomes and housing types for all people, allowing for market rate housing, affordable housing, housing for families, transitional housing, housing for the physically challenged, and senior housing. The plan does not include a specific percentage of affordable permanent supportive housing for people with psychiatric disabilities because this is a framework document that sets out broad development goals. Specific requirements for development, including any affordable units, will be created based on this plan for the solicitation process run by the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development. |
| 2 | Ms. Nancy Lee Head | D.C. Mental Health Consumer Leadership Forum. | We also are requesting that a percentage of revenues realized by the District in developing the East Campus be dedicated for use by the Department of Mental Health for community-based mental health services and housing elsewhere in the city to benefit D.C. citizens with a mental illness. | Mental Health Funding | Entire plan | It has not been determined whether or not the District would lease or sell all or a portion of the East Campus. We appreciate the idea of linking development at the East Campus with funding for mental health services; however further study and analysis of this proposal by the Office of the Chief Financial Officer, Department of Mental Health, and Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development would be required. |
| 3 | Ms. Carol Casperson | Executive Director - D.C. Habitat for Humanity | And we are particularly interested in anything in Ward 7 or 8, and particularly interested in St. E's and what would develop here, because we think the people that have lived in this neighborhood all of their lives should have an opportunity to be stakeholders in this community and own property. And just to give you an example of what we're doing now, we're building a 53-home community over in northeast near Marvin Gaye Park. Each house is about 1,220 to 1,440 square feet, three bedrooms, front porch, and of course the land over there is great. I mean, we take volunteers over there and they say, "Are we still in the District of Columbia?" Beautiful spot. And the average income on that site is \$26,000 of our homeowners. And if we had something half that size, I think you could talk about building houses with people that made \$1,250 \$50,000 I mean, \$12,500 a year. So I want you to keep that in mind, and I want you to make it kind of like a real like you really meant it. The only time I have really seen the city do anything like really mean it was in a Home Again initiative that had an RFP that offered 10 extra points to anybody that could deliver eight units of housing at 30 percent of AMI. Habitat cannot build for over 50 percent of AMI, and we certainly can build at 30 percent of AMI. And so I think you really need to think about that, and be very direct about it, very intentional, and make sure that very low income people in this neighborhood have an opportunity to own something and | Affordable Housing | Development Principles | As discussed above in the response to comment #1, the Framework Plan does not include specific targets for affordable housing production. The Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development will prepare a solicitation for the development of the East Campus. The solicitation will include details about the development requirements, including affordable housing. As stated in the implementation section of the plan, solicitation process includes public engagement about the development requirements. We look forward to coordination this process with the Deputy Mayor's office and addressing your comment through the implementation of this plan. |
| 4 | Mr. Gerald Tonic | Ward 8 Resident | I just wanted to ask about the power plant. When I worked down there, there was a lot of wildlife down there. And I'm wondering, are you going to tear the whole building down? And what are you going to do about the wildlife? Also, I want to know about the John Howard Building. What are you going to do with the folks in that building? Or are you going to renovate it? | Community Services | Entire plan | The Framework Plan does not propose to remove the power plant located next to the RMP Building. As discussed in the plan, the East Campus has many infrastructure challenges that will have to be addressed in the redevelopment process. Future decisions about the use of the power plant will be based on a more detailed assessment of its condition and energy demands of new development. The Framework Plan does not include any recommendations regarding the John Howard Pavilion, a Department of Mental Health (DMH) facility. A new 450,000 square foot, state-of-the-art hospital facility will replace the 150-year old John Howard Pavilion. DMH has not determined whether or not John Howard will be torn down after patients are moved into the new hospital. |
| 5 | Mr. Absalom Jordan | ANC 8D Commissioner | I am signed up tonight as a Commissioner from Advisory Neighborhood Commission 8D. I first want to say that I want to note the fact that at a meeting last week at the Pete E. Green Center, Delegate Eleanor Holmes-Norton lied about the ownership of the East Campus, like she has done on so many other things. I think the people here need to understand that what she said continuously was that the East Campus was owned by the Federal Government. That is not true. And so I think that we need to understand that in this process of moving forward with developing either the west side or the east side of St. Elizabeths there's a lot of misinformation that has been spread within the community. I have been a participant in this process almost from the beginning when St. Elizabeths was transferred to the District. I became a part of Friends of St. Elizabeths in 1987/1988, and since that time I have participated, I'm certain, in all of the most of the meetings that we held from 2003 on. | Ownership of the East Campus | Entire plan | The Federal Government transferred the East Campus to the District of Columbia via a memorandum of understanding (MOU) in 1987. The MOU restricts the use of the campus to mental health and government uses. While the District does own the property, the use restriction must be removed in order for the District to redevelop or reuse of the property for non mental health purposes. The Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development is working to address this and is coordinating with Congresswoman Norton on federal issues. |

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| 6 | Mr. Absalom Jordan | ANC 8D Commissioner | There are some concerns that I have. A review of the plan shows that the planning process has not been transparent. We have not been provided with all of the information about the project, and there are significant changes to the base plan. By the way, I have with me a copy of the initial plan that was done from 2003 and 2005, and I think that if we review that and compare that with what we have now we will see there are some changes. But one of the notable ones is that the proposed police evidence warehouse for the site that has never been brought to this community. We haven't been had that discussed with us, and I think that that is something even though we say it's proposed, that's something that should have been on the table for the community to have some input about. There has been limited accessibility to the proposal. Putting it in the number of places that it was in did a disservice to the community. There are other ANC offices that could have been available for the dissemination of this proposal. | Planning Process | Planning Process | The Office of Planning used the previous draft plan that was developed through an intensive community process from 2003-2006 as the base for the current plan. We did make changes to the initial draft because there are new challenges and opportunities that must be addressed in order for the plan to reflect current conditions, community preferences, and District government priorities. The Evidence Warehouse is a critical need for the Metropolitan Police Department. A portion of land just south of the Unified Communications Center has been identified as the preferred site because it is located adjacent to a secured area. The Office of Property Management will undertake a Section 106 process to assess this location; this is an open public process that concerned community members are encouraged to participate in. This item is included within the implementation section of the plan. The proposed location of the evidence warehouse was shown on all materials in the 2008 update process and identified as a new issue at the outset of the process. | No change |
| 7 | Mr. Absalom Jordan | ANC 8D Commissioner | And the a segue to that, St. Elizabeths is located totally within the boundaries of ANC-8C, yet some ANCs were permitted on the Advisory Committee while others were excluded. We need to understand why. We need to know why those other ANCs were excluded from participation or representation on the Advisory Committee. The current plan that is before us tonight is driven less by the framework plan that was started in 2003, and is more and is driven more by the desires to accommodate Homeland Security. The plan for an open campus idea, which creates a connection with the surrounding community, would be eviscerated if a secure area to house Homeland Security functions is present on the site. One of the original objectives was to have this as an open campus that was "connected with the community." And those Homeland Security functions, with their secure area, with either a fence and it's talked about in the proposal as being a fence or as a berm, or what have you, will not a connection with the community. The promise of treating existing residents fairly and equitably is negated by the fact that stakeholders participate in all phases of the planning for the project. Stakeholders included developers, observers, the National Association to Restore Pride in America America's Capital, etcetera. I want to make a note that NARPAC had some very derogatory things to say about the residents of Ward 8 in their initial report, and they have amended their report to now include 26 pages, but those references, those derogatory references are still in there about Ward 8. | Planning Process | Planning Process | The Office of Planning did not exclude anyone from serving on the Advisory Committee for Saint Elizabeths and all meetings were open to the public. The list of committee members from the previous planning process was used and updated to include any new ANC Commissioners. The recommendations set forth within the plan were derived from community-driven input. Public meetings held in the 2008 update were open to the public, but outreach was targeted to Ward 8 residents. After reviewing the sign-in sheets, we found that members of the NARPAC and other organizations mentioned in the testimony did not participate in the 2008 update process. | No change |
| 8 | Mr. Absalom Jordan | ANC 8D Commissioner | I would like for us, before we can move forward on this, to know for the city to define what a stakeholder is, are all stakeholders residents of Ward 8, are all stakeholders residents of the city, what is a neighborhood, and what is a community. Since there seems to be a distinction in the proposal between a neighborhood and a community, we need to know what that is. | Outreach | Planning Process | Relative to the Saint Elizabeths East Redevelopment Framework Plan, a neighborhood and community are synonymous. There is not a distinction between the two. A stakeholder does not have to be resident of Ward 8; however, the Office of Planning looked first to engage Ward 8 stakeholders on issues pertaining to their community so as to better formulate recommendations based on this feedback. | No change to the plan |
| 9 | Mr. Absalom Jordan | ANC 8D Commissioner | One last thing. The MOA provides that the historic structures must be maintained. This includes the dry barn and stables. The dry barn was stabilized. When will the stable be stabilized? | Building Condition | Existing Conditions | The Framework Plan's implementation section lays out the next steps once the plan is adopted by the Council. One item calls for an update to the building condition survey that was completed in 2003. The condition of the stables will be assessed through that process and any appropriate stabilization measures identified. | Added language to implementation matrix regarding the stabilization of structures recommended through the building condition assessment. |
| 10 | Mr. Mort Schussheim | Vice President-Friends of Saint Elizabeths | I want to offer four principles or concerns that should inform future development of the East Campus of St. Elizabeths Hospital. First, continuation of the historic central mission of caring for the wounded, the vulnerable members of the community, with mental illness. The plan should encourage activities compatible with this mission, such as health research and training of mental health professionals. | Mental Health | Development Principles | The Framework Plan outlines development principles, planning objectives, and land use preferences to guide the redevelopment of Saint Elizabeths over time. An essential element of the redevelopment framework is the set of stakeholder-driven development principles. The principles are based on the vision and recurring themes that were initially developed through community engagement in the 2003 planning process and refined during the 2008 update process. Connecting redevelopment to the historic legacy and current mission of the hospital is a key element of the development principles. | No change to the plan |
| 11 | Mr. Mort Schussheim | Vice President-Friends of Saint Elizabeths | Second [Principle], we should be providing inclusive housing for individuals and families, particularly supportive housing for persons with mental illness. People leaving the hospital, and many persons in the community with mental illness, face a critical shortage of decent places to live. In addition, we should provide mixed income housing that will be available to families who can't pay full market rents or prices. | Housing | Development Principles | As expressed in the response to comment #1, the plan does support the development of affordable housing and housing targeted to those with mental health needs. The implementation of this goal will be achieved through the development process. The Office of Planning will continue to coordinate with the Department of Mental Health and the Deputy Mayor's office on this issue. | No change to the plan |

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| 12 | Mr. Mort Schussheim | Vice President-Friends of Saint Elizabeths | Third [Principle], a reasonable percentage of incremental tax revenues and proceeds from the leasing or sale of land for private development should be designated for the District's mental health system. If federal facilities are located on the East Campus and I hope they are not there should be annual payments by the Federal Government commensurate with the cost of municipal services provided by the District government and the loss of potential tax revenues from private development. | Mental Health Funding | Entire plan | The response to comment #2 addresses the concept of dedicating any sales revenues. The District intends to lease land to the Federal government which would require payment per the negotiated lease agreement that must be approved by the Council. | Added emphasis in the Appendix, North Campus section that the federal use would be achieved through a lease agreement |
| 13 | Mr. Mort Schussheim | Vice President-Friends of Saint Elizabeths | Fourth [Principle], every effort should be made to minimize negative impacts on the environment and the livability of nearby neighborhoods. This means limiting traffic and street parking problems, and keeping the grounds green, well maintained, and open to neighbors and patients with ground privileges. The planned development of the West Campus for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security already poses serious traffic and other environmental challenges for the East Campus and surrounding neighborhoods. I would like to conclude on a positive note, but I think it is necessary to question a central notion of the framework plan. The idea of locating a secured facility of the Federal Government on a prime site, in the heart of the East Campus grounds, strikes me as a dubious proposition. This is not compatible with, or a contribution to, the hospital's historic mission as a sanctuary for persons with mental illness. A walled-off compound would obstruct the view and movement of other people on the grounds of East Campus. The assumption that many federal employees will choose to take lunch outside of their own usually less expensive cafeterias, or will spend much time or money in retail shops outside their facility, is questionable. I believe the jumpstart for development of the East Campus can come from the private sector, and I urge reconsideration of the proposal to locate a large walled-off facility on the | Federal Uses | Redevelopment Framework | Creating healthy and sustainable neighborhoods at Saint Elizabeths is an important development principle in the Framework Plan. The plan also calls for the expansion of multi-modal transportation options, continuation of the open space network, and a full transportation study to assess cumulative impacts of East and West Campus development. A full section 106 review to assess the cumulative impacts of development on historic resources will be required for the next level of master planning associated with implementing this plan. The opportunity to lease a portion of the East Campus to the federal government is a critical component to sparking development. It will be challenging for Saint Elizabeths to compete with other office area, such as NOMA and Southwest, without an anchor tenant that can attract other office users and services. In order to deliver on our commitment to revitalizing the campus, connecting it to the community, and providing the community with long desired amenities, the District believes a federal lease is a sound economic development strategy. | |
| 14 | Ms. Mary Cuthbert | Commissioner ANC 8C | We started working on the framework of St. Elizabeths in 2003. I believe we met every almost every Saturday during the year of 2003, and we had hundreds of community residents participating. When we came back to this in 2006, the advisory group that they called the advisory group, Mr. Jordan, did not include us. It included the Williams administration people. I had given names of the people in this community who was interested in being involved as an advisory group. They did not use them. We had one advisory group meeting that I attended. There was only two people here myself and another young lady. I believe she is sitting in the back in the wheelchair. We were the only two, so that let me know that the community was not really touched to be part of the changes that is taking place now. We are concerned that the community is not aware of all the changes that is on these plans that you plan to move forward with. Any time you can have 100 people come out every Saturday, like was it every Saturday? It seemed like every other Saturday for a full year. Something was wrong when they came back this time, where you only can get maybe 25 to 30 people. The outreach was not done in the same manner. So you have people coming here to testify about this development. Yes, we want development. Yes, we want amenities. Yes, we want housing on the East Campus. But I | Outreach | Planning Process | The District began an intensive set of land use and transportation planning efforts east of the Anacostia River in the early part of this decade, including the Anacostia Waterfront Framework Plan (2003), Anacostia Gateway Transportation Study (2004), Anacostia Transit Area Plan (2005), and the Barry Farm New Communities Plan (2006). Recent planning efforts at Poplar Point and Saint Elizabeths followed roughly the same timeline. The number of plans, their demands on citizens' time and ANC participation sometimes contributed to a lower turnout than in earlier planning efforts. To maximize participation, the Office of Planning conducted outreach to Steering Committee and community members through newspaper, phone calls, email blasts, dissemination of flyers, and postcards. ANC commissioners also distributed flyers in the neighborhood prior to community meetings. OP will continue to work closely elected ANCs, civic leaders, and Councilmember Barry's office in extending outreach efforts for future planning studies and implementation activities in Ward 8. | No change to the plan |
| 15 | Ms. Mary Cuthbert | Commissioner ANC 8C | And I would like for you to have another community meeting before you present this plan to the Mayor, or the Office of Planning, or whoever, that we have a full community meeting where this room is packed with only standing room only. You have photos of that when we had this room full with tables. I mean, the community was there. But this time around the community has not participated, and that's my concern about this development. The community has not said yay, nay, let's move something somewhere else, or let's recommend something different. And I want to ditto Ab's concerns. That is the main concern that we had discussed regarding the community and small groups. We would like to ditto those concerns, but I am asking you to have a full community meeting, so they can see what is anticipated to be developed on this land. That's important to me, and I believe most of the community residents. I thank you. | Outreach | Planning Process | The Office of Planning conducted three community meetings and a held a public hearing on the draft plan. We extended offers to attend other community meetings, ANC meetings to brief community members on the plan progress. The basis of the Framework Plan was the initial draft plan completed in 2006 with a longer, more intense public engagement process. There are many additional opportunities to engage the community on Saint Elizabeths during the next phase of master planning. The Office of Planning will increase its outreach efforts in the next phase to try to get more community members participate in the process. | No change to the plan |
| 16 | Mr. James Bunn | Executive Director-Ward 8 Business Council | Although I am very supportive of the revitalization of East Campus of St. Elizabeths Hospital, I think it is imperative that development reflects the character and historic significance of Congress Heights. I also sit before you as the chair of the Congress Heights Main Street. The Congress Heights Main Street is charged with spurring economic growth in this business district, and showcasing commercial and retail service. I am very concerned about the speculation that GSA will use part of the East Campus for a parking lot for Federal Government employees. I think this sends a bad message to the community when we have the opportunity to showcase physical assets of East Campus and preserve historic buildings and desperately-needed restoration and renovation. There has to be some sense of equity for the residents of Ward 8. I'm strongly supportive of attracting new retail and other commercial business for the East Campus. However, this community is not willing to sacrifice valuable land for a slab of concrete. Businesses east of the river are strong components of green building. I would rather see the historic horse stable preserved and restored, rather than the accommodation of employees who do not live in the District of Columbia and opportunities to denigrate our valuable land. | Federal Tenant on East Campus | Redevelopment Framework | One of the development principles created for the East Campus states that campus should embody the District's urban design and sustainability goals. Another is to improve community connectivity and open up access to the campus. The character of the development is a critical issue for the next phase of master planning for Saint Elizabeths. Developers will use the framework plan and the principles to shape the architectural character of the new development. The Framework Plan provides broad planning guidance on the appropriate land uses and density; however additional guidance on urban design and sustainability can be added to emphasize the importance of the compatibility of new development. GSA will have associated parking for their development proposal and the plan recommends that it take the form of a parking structure. | Added language to enhance the urban design and sustainability section of the plan. |

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| 17 | Mr. James Bunn | Executive Director-Ward 8 Business Council | <p>Secondly, I think it is incumbent that the Mayor ensure that the public continue to be immediately involved in the process, since that it seems that the private sector has been bestowed with plenty of opportunities. On the other hand, the community has been imprisoned with more energetic challenges.</p> <p>The planning process is generally designed to create an opportunity for meaningful engagement with the public. This process has been veiled with a lack of information and shrouded in a lack of communication.</p> <p>Finally, I do support the need for the new framework plan of St. Elizabeths East. I know this will facilitate the development that is so desperately needed. However, I cannot more strongly emphasize the significance of inclusiveness as it relates to our Councilmember Marion Barry, the Ward 8 Business Council, the Congress Heights Main Street, the ANCs, the Ward 8 CBEs, and our skilled labor force. It is imperative that we all are well informed.</p> <p>I find it quite interesting that the community seldom receives notice of meetings at least two weeks in advance. At the end of the day, I quote, "The framework plan, the lens to view the site, and historic contents, current site condition, and historic" hold on a second "historic preservation control."</p> <p>It also outlines a set of stakeholder-driven development principles that defines an ambition agenda for future development.</p> <p><u>Mr. Mayor, this is a quote from your Executive Summary of the St. Elizabeths framework</u></p> | Planning | Planning Process | The Office of Planning is always seeking new and innovative ways to increase community participation; we utilized multiple outreach methods to notify people in the surrounding neighborhood about the planning process. Advisory Committee members and ANC commissioners assist us in this effort. We acknowledge that there are many meetings in this part of Ward 8 and we improved our coordination towards the end of the process to eliminate meeting conflicts and over meeting. The completion of the Framework Plan does not indicate that all of the planning for this site is over. The community will have additional opportunities throughout the next stage to shape the uses and architectural character of any proposed development. We look forward to strengthening our relationships with key stakeholders so that they can better assist us in the outreach efforts for the next phase. | No change in the plan |
| 18 | Mr. Milton Bullock | Ward 8 Resident | <p>I moved here from northwest, because I couldn't afford to live in northwest, around the Logan Circle area. Over 30 years ago, I purchased a home here at Washington Overlook, overlooking Bolling Air Force Base. And I found that this is the place that I wanted to be, would like to continue living here. I just applaud all the development that is happening east of the river here, not only here on the St. Elizabeths campus, East and West, Sherrington Terrace, the future Barry Farm, Poplar Point, and all the rest of the development. But I'm really concerned about the low income residents in this area, and whether they will be forced out not only by this project, this development, but other developments in the area. I think we have to take a deep look at what is going on here and the impact that it is going to cause to those low income residents.</p> <p>Another one of my concerns is the homeless shelter here on the East Campus. I don't know whether there is in the plan and there probably is but we don't want what happened over in northwest a few months ago, or less than a few months ago, to happen here.</p> <p>And my question is pretty much all my I am dealing with just really asking questions tonight, not fully knowing all of the details and not being involved from the very beginning. I wish I had, but I'm asking the question tonight, what is the status of the homeless shelter? Are there any plans future plans for moving the homeless? Has that been coordinated with the St. Elizabeths Hospital, the East and West Campus development?</p> | Displacement | Entire plan | The Office of Planning understands the concerns of residents as it relates to new development at Saint Elizabeths and other neighboring areas of Ward 8. The intent of all small area plans is neighborhood revitalization; provision of services for all residents regardless of income, age, or other socio-economic factors. The Saint Elizabeths East Redevelopment Framework Plan provides the opportunity to shape growth and sensitively mix uses on the campus while preventing piecemeal or haphazard development. Local residents will benefit from new jobs, housing choices, retail amenities and community facilities. Plans regarding the homeless shelter will be finalized in the next stage of development and closely coordinated with the Department of Human Services, Department of Mental Health, and the Office of Property Management. | No change in the plan |
| 19 | Mr. Milton Bullock | Ward 8 Resident | Another question is that, as I read through the documents briefly tonight, the documents seem to omit that there are some contaminants on the West Campus there, and what they are doing about that. My same concern is for the East Campus here and how does it affect the community, and what are the contaminants? Because, you know, not only here in Ward 8, but east of the river we have high incident rates of asthma and all other diseases that are caused by pollutants. And we need to address that more and let the community know what is going on here on the on both campuses. | Environment | Existing Conditions | The District completed environmental assessments on various portions of the East Campus as part of the construction process for the Unified Communications Center and the new hospital. It is known that a portion of the site in the ravine was a dumping area for fly ash. Prior to any further development occurring on the East Campus a full environmental assessment will be conducted and any issues addressed. The General Services Administration (GSA) prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess and report potential impacts from the adoption and implementation of a Master Plan for the redevelopment of the Saint Elizabeths West Campus. The final EIS will be released in November and provides a full description of their assessments. | Clarified in the plan that environmental assessments will be completed prior to commencing a new development activities |
| 20 | Mr. Milton Bullock | Ward 8 Resident | Another one of my questions is that, how are you getting out the information to the community? I grant you, I do get the information by mail, and I also get the information through my church. I am a member of Matthew Memorial Baptist Church which sits here in Ward 8, just north of the campus here. And also, again, a long-time resident of Washington Overlook. And as I came to some of the earlier meetings, there seemed to be a dissemination of information to the community. Grant you that not only people who are on the mailing list that our community there is a way of getting information out to the community, if we have to do it by foot, or contact organizations within the community, because there should be more than ten, eight or nine of the ten Ward 8 residents here at a meeting of this magnitude. | Outreach | Planning Process | As discussed in comment #14, outreach for all meetings related to this planning process was conducted through mailings, phone calls, email blasts and the dissemination of flyers. | No change |

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| 21 | Ms. Bernadette Tolson | Ward 8 Resident | The other night at Congresswoman Norton's meeting I believe it was the Office of Planning spoke about installing the water tower. I was a part of this planning committee from I guess day one for about three years. And that is what we worked on was the water tower five years ago. And then, when I heard that it was going to be installed in the year 2013, I couldn't believe it. I think if the Office of Planning lived in the area where I live, and you get up in the morning to take your shower and your water trickles out of your water out of your shower head, maybe you would think about moving it up. And we did get to the point in our planning that they were ready to install it. We had picked out the design, WASA came in, and it was ready to go. And I just don't know what happened with that. But I really wish you all would put it back on the table and see if we can't get it sooner than 2013. | Water Tower | Existing Conditions, Framework Plan | DCWASA has proposed a new water tower on the East Campus to address significant water pressure issues in Ward 8. The 2,000,000 gallon tank would be placed on a high point of the site; however, the exact location of the water tower requires further planning and consultation. Infrastructure is the governing factor behind the extended timeframe for completion of the water tower. Additionally, because Saint Elizabeths is a national historic landmark WASA must complete a Section 106 historic review process before moving forward with implementation. WASA has provided our office with the 2013 installation date. | No change |
| 22 | Ms. Jackie Ward | ANC 8A Commissioner | I have two concerns. One, we have three different plans on the board one for St. Elizabeths, one for Poplar Point, and one for the revitalization of Martin Luther King. All three plans have not been put forth to the community, so the community can see how they are integrated, how they are not integrated, transportation structure. There is no we have three distinctive plans for transportation. We have three distinctive plans in terms of urban planning. We have three distinctive plans in terms of architecture. They don't need to be combined. It needs to be presented to the community, so we can see what this city would really look like. The most important thing is that these three new communities coming online be integrated with the larger community of Ward 8. That means that most of the I have a resident back here who is in my ANC, who is saying, "Well, you know, this looks like a separate city." And it should not be. It should be integrated. I should be able to go to St. Elizabeths or Poplar Point, and whatever plan you come up with, and identify that as being part of the city, part of Ward 8, not separate from Ward 8. And you need to come together and give us an integrated plan, especially on transportation. And the transportation should not be driven by what is happening on the West Campus for Homeland Security folks. The transportation should be focused on easy access for the residents of the community. That we are having Homeland Security here, and we might be having different transportation other people coming into the city, that's fine. But it | Planning | n/a | The Office of Planning recognizes the large amount of planning being conducted in Ward 8. As such, the need for greater coordination and collaboration among District agencies is essential. Recommendations formulated within each plan are specific to not only the neighborhood for which the plan is being conducted but also the general planning area as a whole. Careful consideration is given to ensure that all plans have some relationship to one another relative to development intensity, scale, and economic development goals. The resulting factor is a basic foundation linking one area of development with another inclusive of desired community amenities. The Office of Planning will develop materials that illustrate how the plans are connected and represent a holistic vision of this area of Ward 8. We will present this information at ANC and civic association meetings throughout November and December and feature it at our agency's booth at the Anacostia Waterfront Community Fair on November 15th. | No change |
| 23 | Ms. Jackie Ward | ANC 8A Commissioner | Finally, you know I had to say it Suitland Parkway. Suitland Parkway should we should not have a road on Suitland Parkway. It should stay green. I do not believe in having a road just to have people coming to accommodate people from Maryland and Virginia. There are other arteries that you can use. I think DDOT presented a plan five months ago here at Birney Elementary School. At that time, they were told that they had to come up with different transportation sources, but we did not want Suitland Parkway touched. It should remain green. If we allow you to build a road on Suitland Parkway, that opens up all of the green space for development, and that gives the National Capital Planning Commission opportunity to sell that to developers, which we don't want. So that's my comment. | Transportation | Redevelopment Framework | The Framework Plan includes several vehicular and non vehicular options for addressing the impact of future traffic created by new development, including a proposed Suitland Parkway connection. One of the challenges with the historic infrastructure on the East Campus is that the narrow roads were not built to accommodate traffic volumes associated with new development or the potential for cut through traffic once the campus is opened up. The concept of a connector road along the perimeter of the campus would relieve some of the traffic within the campus and along Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue. In the Framework Plan, the connector road is presented a concept that will require further coordination with the National Park Service and study by the Department of Transportation. The purpose of the road is not to stimulate development along Suitland Parkway, which is not owned by the District nor within the study area for the plan. will help mitigate some of the impacts of new development and provide an alternative access point to the campus. | Added language in the Framework Plan to further emphasize that this is a concept that requires further study and coordination; other traffic mitigations may also be identified to solve the traffic issues that are projected. |
| 24 | Mr. Charles Crawford | Ward 8 Resident | Number one, St. Elizabeths is a hospital, and Ward 7, Ward 8, east of the river, we have been long in need of a major medical facility. What is going to be done to accommodate those conditions? You've got Homeland Security coming here, but also those folks if they have some kind of condition or problem, they've still got to go up town to get medical services. | Health Care | Entire plan | To clarify, Saint Elizabeths Hospital is a mental health facility and not a primary or urgent care facility. The District government recognizes the problems associated with poor access to primary care and urgent care facilities East of the Anacostia River. The Office of Planning is looking at this issue through the Healthy by Design initiative. Healthy By Design is a citywide initiative aimed at developing a healthier, more livable, more walkable city. It is a framework for District government policies and programs that encourage active living and healthy eating by increasing access to healthy food, primary care facilities, walkable destinations and recreational opportunities. Opportunities to increase access to primary care facilities in this part of Ward 8 can be explored through the Healthy by Design Initiative and the District's Medical Homes project. The Office of Planning will continue to coordinate with partner agencies and engage the community on this issue. | No change in the plan |
| 25 | Mr. Charles Crawford | Ward 8 Resident | Number two. Another major concern is that we talk about employment. How many people from Ward 8, Ward 7, east of the river, are going to be employed by Homeland Security on this new project? We are opening up everything else for those folks that are already employed, and they can bring in, you know, their wagons and everything else from other parts. Well, what about the folks that are here, that are qualified to work for Homeland Security, in this neighborhood? Don't you think that would help the impression of what is being done in this area? | Employment | Entire plan | The availability of jobs created through the development process will be closely coordinated with the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development as well as the Department of Employment Services. | No change in the plan |